

# Season 3 of AMERICA REFRAMED with Host Natasha Del Toro continues with THE HILL by Lisa Molomot

## Tuesday, February 10, 2015, on WORLD Channel 8 p.m. (Check local listings.)

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Back in the early 2000s, a group of mostly low-income African-American families took the city of New Haven to court. They were fighting to stay in their homes which were slated for demolition in order to build a new school complex. – WNPR News, Diane Orson

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P: 212-989-8121 F: 212-989-8230 americareframed.com January 12, 2015 -- (New York, NY) – Lisa Molomot's documentary **THE HILL** has its national broadcast television premiere on Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at 8 p.m. (check local listings) on WORLD Channel as part of the third season of the **AMERICA REFRAMED** series. Audiences across the nation can access complimentary online viewing of the film from February 11<sup>th</sup> to March 12<sup>th</sup> at <a href="http://worldchannel.org/">http://worldchannel.org/</a>.

Set upon building a new school, the city of New Haven claims eminent domain over the Upper Hill neighborhood. While the city argues the building of the new school corresponds to a need for better school facilities, the residents of the area, mostly struggling low-income African-American families, say the decision corresponds to the city's determination to sanitize the neighborhood in the proximity of the Yale-New Haven Hospital. Together with the help of community leaders and a civil rights lawyer, the unlikely group of neighbors decides to contest the city's claim and take the case to federal court. THE HILL is a fascinating look at the complex issues surrounding urban planning, gentrification and economic renewal.

"THE HILL presents a look at a real-life struggle which many working families are facing in communities across the U.S. today. When previously under the radar residential neighborhoods become desirable for urban renewal, who is to decide what is fair? THE HILL looks at a process from which we can all learn," says Chris Hastings, executive producer, WORLD Channel, co- executive producer, AMERICA REFRAMED.

"AmDoc is thrilled to collaborate with WORLD Channel and WGBH on the third season of AMERICA REFRAMED presenting the television premieres and encores of important films such as THE HILL. As co-producers, we share a passion for storytellers committed to helping us gain a deeper and more nuanced understanding of America today," says Simon Kilmurry, Executive Director, American Documentary, Inc.



**THE HILL** airs February 10<sup>rd</sup> at 8pm on WORLD (check local listings) and will stream for free online until March 12th at worldchannel.org/americareframed.

## **Film Credits**

Director/Producer: Lisa Molomot Co-Producer: Jacob Bricca Composer: Ted Reichman

#### **About AMERICA REFRAMED**

**AMERICA REFRAMED** is a co-production of the WORLD Channel and American Documentary, Inc. and is hosted by journalist Natasha Del Toro.

Through the lens of independent documentaries, AMERICA REFRAMED brings to national audiences compelling stories that illuminate the changing contours of an ever-evolving America. The 26-week, social-issue documentary series presents an array of personal voices and experiences through which we learn from our past, understand our present and are challenged to seek new frameworks for America's future.

Season three of AMERICA REFRAMED curates a diverse selection of films highlighting innovative and artistic approaches to storytelling from emerging to veteran filmmakers alike. Viewers will be immersed in personal stories from the streets of towns big and small to the ex-burbs and country roads that span the spectrum of American life. The documentaries invite audiences to reflect on topics as varied as culture, healthcare, politics, gun violence, religion and more. Hosted by journalist Natasha Del Toro, several episodes will feature a roundtable discussion with special guest commentators and filmmakers.

AMERICA REFRAMED in its first season won five 2013 CINE Golden Eagle Awards, and recently was nominated for its second national Imagen Award, which honors films featuring Latinos and their culture in television and film.

#### **AMERICA REFRAMED Series Credits**

Executive Producers: Chris Hastings, Simon Kilmurry

Series Producer: Carmen Vicencio Host: Natasha Del Toro

## Web and Social Media

AMERICA REFRAMED can be accessed online via

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## **AMERICA REFRAMED Co-Producers**

American Documentary, Inc. (AmDoc) is a multimedia company dedicated to creating, identifying and presenting contemporary stories that express opinions and perspectives rarely featured in mainstream media outlets. AmDoc is a catalyst for public culture, developing collaborative strategic engagement activities around socially relevant content on television, online and in community settings. These activities are designed to trigger action, from dialogue and feedback to educational opportunities and community participation.

The WORLD Channel delivers the best of public television's nonfiction, news and documentary programing to US audiences through local public television stations and streaming online at worldchannel.org. WORLD reached 35 million unique viewers 18+ last year (55% adults 18-49) and over-indexes in key diversity demographics.\* Online, the WORLD Channel expands on broadcast topics and fuels dialogue across social media, providing opportunities for broad and diverse audience interaction. (Source: Nielsen Local Buyer Reach Scorecard 01/13-12/13)

WORLD is programmed by WGBH/Boston, in partnership with American Public Television and WNET/New York, and in association with the American Public Television and National Educational Telecommunications Association. Funding for the WORLD Channel is provided by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and the Ford Foundation. Additional funding for AMERICA REFRAMED is provided by the MacArthur Foundation.

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